

HOUSE INSURGENTS BEATEN

EVERYBODY CONCEDES IT EXCEPT THE INSURGENTS.

A Situation Brought About by President Taft's Intervention—Insurgents Express a Purpose to Go Ahead With the Fight—To Hold a Meeting To-night.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—While they will not admit it, nearly everybody else now concedes that the Republican insurgents who are bucking the House organization and the House rules are whipped to a frazzle. This, it is being asserted generally, is due to the intervention of President Taft, who refused to countenance an insurrectionary uprising in the lower branch of Congress which would threaten the passage of the tariff bill. The insurgents will be left to the slaughter when the House meets on Monday.

This state of affairs is apparent to nearly everybody in Washington except the insurgents. While professing loyalty to President Taft and his policies, they are bitter over the alleged action of the President in snatching the fruits of victory from their grasp. The President himself is represented as regretful that he was compelled to interfere to prevent what promised to be the prettiest fight within party lines ever witnessed in the House, but he was besought in the most urgent manner to relieve a situation that might work incalculable mischief to the business stability of the country.

On the one hand the President was told by the House leaders that if the insurgents were successful a state of disorganization would follow that might delay the passage of the tariff bill indefinitely. On the other hand he has received word from every State in the Union that business will remain at a standstill until Congress passes a tariff bill. The insurgents tried to explain that their plans could in no way interfere with revenue legislation, but the President took the safe side.

The insurgents were busy as bees to-day. They insisted that they could not find any affirmative evidence that the President had interfered. Accordingly they expressed a purpose to go ahead with the fight and take their medicine, no matter what it might be. They are claiming that at least thirty Republicans will contest the rules on Monday. This is a sufficient number, combined with the Democrats, to wrest control of the House organization from Speaker Cannon and his lieutenants. But the prediction is made in well informed circles that insurgents have been picked off here and there and that when the votes are counted it will be found that the organization will be in control by a majority of at least fifteen.

A conference of the insurgents will be held to-morrow night. On the outcome depends the course of the Democrats in the present fight. If the insurgents are able to guarantee that thirty Republicans will stand hitched, the Democrats will join them in bucking the rules. But the Democrats do not intend to be caught out on a limb. They will not be satisfied with mere promises. The insurgents will be forced to commit themselves in writing. That done the Democrats will meet in caucus and bind their membership to oppose the rules on specific motions.

There are a number of Democrats that the leadership of that party in the House cannot trust. Certain Democrats, it is charged, have often absented themselves from the House when such action served the purpose of the Republican organization. Therefore, to avoid a scandal, the Democratic leaders have decided to hold a caucus on the rules should the insurgents give a pledge that thirty members of the Republican side will stand up to be counted.

The manner in which President Taft has smoothed the troubled waters was commended to-day by Representative Campbell of Kansas, who is an ex-insurgent.

"I want to say," he remarked after visiting the White House this morning, "that I think the President took the right stand in refusing to aid the insurgents, for although I do not believe the rules are all they should be, I do not think we as Republicans have any business going to Democrats for our tools to work with. If we cannot manage our own affairs in the House, we should not go to the Democrats for assistance. There will be no fight among the Republicans at the extra session or at any time in the near future."

Cruiser Dixie to Relieve the Prairie.
WASHINGTON, March 10.—Announcement was made at the Navy Department to-day that the cruiser *Prairie* would be relieved and the "parent ship" of the torpedo flotilla by the *Dixie* in the near future. The *Prairie* will take a draft of men from Newport and Hampton Roads to Colon in April. She will exchange the draft with the *Buffalo* at the latter port for another draft of men from the Pacific fleet. The *Buffalo* will go to San Francisco and Manila, delivering men to the Pacific fleet wherever the fleet may be at the time. She will return from Manila in July.

Says Bad Weather Is Responsible for Many Crimes.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Prof. William Rudiger, head of the Department of Educational Psychology at George Washington University, advanced the theory to-day that the recent bad weather was responsible for many crimes committed within the last two or three days.

Prof. Rudiger said that the activity of the sun spots doubtless was the cause of the depressing weather since inauguration day.

Goddess of Peace and Plenty Robbed of Hand, an Ear and Half of Her Nose.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The statue known as the Goddess of Peace and Plenty, one of a colossal group on the main east portico of the Capitol, has been marred by vandals. The right hand of the goddess, grasping poppies and corn, was broken off, and so were the right ear and one half of the nose. Evidently the vandals used scaffolding built around the group at the time of the inauguration.

Target Practice in Rough Water in Open Sea.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Just before he retired from office former Secretary of the Navy Newberry issued an order providing that to insure as near as possible a simulation of battle conditions target practice on vessels of war would take place hereafter in rough water on open sea at a moving target.

Vice-President Sherman Leases a House.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman have leased the residence of Mrs. Heap, who was formerly Mrs. Bloomer. It has been occupied for a year by the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Garfield.

Names of Monitors Changed.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The name of the monitor *Arkansas* has been changed to *Ozark* and that of the monitor *Nevada* to *Tonopah*.

The torpedo boats *O'Brien* and *Nicholson* have been stricken from the navy list.

CRUSH OF PEOPLE TO SEE TAFT.

When Admiral Sperry Came a Man Started an Appropriate Song From "Pinafore."

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, headed by Chairman Knapp, called on President Taft this morning to pay their respects.

There was another crowd of visitors at the White House during the morning hours to-day, and among the number were several Senators and Representatives. Several of these said that they did not come to discuss the matter of Federal patronage with the new President but merely to express their interest in the Administration and to wish Mr. Taft a successful career in the White House.

While the crush of visitors was at its height the ante-room near the President's office became crowded with persons waiting to see the President. Rear Admiral Sperry arrived, accompanied by Secretary of the Navy Meyer, and he was shown into Mr. Taft's office, waiting. Thereupon a venerable man among those in the ante-room started a song from "Pinafore" appropriate to the entrance of the Admiral. A secret service man instantly appeared in the doorway to learn the source of this unconventional conduct, but on recognizing the singer he withdrew.

The President omitted luncheon to-day, as he did yesterday, and the stream of visitors at the office continued until 2:30 o'clock. At that hour he went over to the East Room and received a delegation of 200 visitors to Washington.

"I merely called to tell the new President how to run the Government," said one of the delegation, a smile as he left the White House after a talk with Mr. Taft. Senator Cummins is interested in the tariff, new laws regulating corporations and other legislation. These are the subjects he discussed with the President to-day.

IN PERIL IN THE COURT ROOM.

Every Spectator but One Believed When He Learned That He Wasn't the Man.

Every spectator at Special Term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday sat up and took notice when Justice Thomas abruptly requested the attorneys in a certain case to suspend. In tones of solemn warning he exclaimed:

"There's a man in this court who is in great danger."

Everybody started, stared about or drew away from his neighbor. "I repeat," said Justice Thomas, "there's a man in this court who is in great danger."

Several court attendants who were about to relieve the tension by making a concerted attack upon a swarthy man with bulging pockets as the only thing in the room suggestive of possible danger, immediately switched their righteous indignation to a harmless looking individual who was nervously scanning the high and lofty corners of the room when Justice Thomas pinned his attention by snapping out: "I mean you—you."

The young man gave a sigh of relief, grinned, and holding up the butt of a cigar, was beginning to explain how it wasn't him when the court attendants cut short his explanation by hustling him into the corridor.

As the business of the court was resumed the young man left by a rear door, leaving a trail of indignation on the butt of the offending cigar.

TO FLY WITH CYGNET II.

Engine Removed From Silver Dart for Use in the New Bell Aerodrome.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 10.—A despatch received to-day from Alexander Graham Bell, who is at Baddeck, says: "Douglas McCurdy made two flights this morning in the aerodrome Silver Dart, aggregating about nineteen miles in all. The flights took place over the ice on the Bras d'Or lakes, along a measured course in a straight line of four miles. This route is marked at half mile intervals by spruce trees planted in the ice and passes through the harbor at Baddeck."

"The engine was removed this afternoon from McCurdy's Silver Dart and experiments will now be resumed with Dr. Bell's tethered aerodrome cygnet II, the fifth aerodrome built by the Aerial Experiment Association."

Diet Kitchen Needs Money.

The New York Diet Kitchen, of which Mrs. Henry Villard is the president, has sent out an appeal for money with which to carry on its work of distributing free milk and eggs to the destitute sick of the city. The present lack of funds, it is stated, is caused by the unprecedented demands of the last year, especially by tubercular patients. Doctors, nurses and charitable societies have been sending in cases in increasing numbers every year. Checks should be made payable to the New York Diet Kitchen Association and sent to the office, 78 Irving place.

Mrs. Potter Palmer Does Not Sail.

Mrs. Potter Palmer who was booked to sail yesterday for Liverpool by the Cunarder *Lusitania*, with a maid and two men servants, cancelled her passage while she was on the pier and had her trunk and other baggage taken from the steamship to the Waldorf-Astoria. Later in the day she again left the hotel and it was said that she had received a despatch recalling her to Chicago. Her maid sailed and it was inferred that the mistress would sail on a later ship.

Burglars Borrow a Valuable Umbrella.

Burglars broke into the home of Henry A. Meyer, at 2509 Newkirk avenue, Brooklyn, on Saturday night last and carried off some silverware, a driving cap and a gift umbrella valued at more than \$500. They tore down one of the portieres in the drawing room in which to wrap the booty.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The trial of the suit brought by Margaret P. Johnston, wife of Assistant District Attorney Johnston, to recover \$2,000 from J. J. Mills & Co., brokers, resulted yesterday in a disagreement.

Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court signed a decree yesterday granting to Elsie W. Biggs a divorce from Harold A. Biggs, with \$10,000 alimony. The Biggs' maiden name being Holok.

An investigation of the snow removal frauds recently brought to light by Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards was begun yesterday by the Grand Jury.

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TAFT LETS HIM RUN THE INDIANA PATRONAGE.

Question Arose Over the U. S. District Attorneyship—Hemenway, Who Was for James E. Watson, Lost—Charles W. Miller Has Beveridge's O. K. and Wins.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—When the issue was presented to him squarely yesterday President Taft let it be known that in the distribution of Federal patronage in Indiana he would follow the usual rule and recognize the recommendations of the Senator from that State. The contest came on the question of nominating the United States Attorney for the District of Indiana to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Joseph B. Keating. Senator Beveridge submitted the name of Charles W. Miller of Gothen, Ind., who served two terms as Attorney-General and was the unsuccessful candidate for Congress in the Thirteenth district at the last election in November. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor at the last State convention.

Mr. Miller's successful rival for the Governorship nomination became his unsuccessful rival for the United States Attorneyship. James A. Hemenway, formerly United States Senator from Indiana, and other friends of former Representative James E. Watson, many of them members of Congress, joined in recommending Mr. Watson for appointment as United States Attorney. Last night President Taft explained to Mr. Watson that he had decided to follow the recommendation of Senator Beveridge. An announcement was made to-day at the White House that Mr. Miller's name would be sent to the Senate when it reconvenes next week. It is intimated that Mr. Watson, who was the late Republican "whip" of the House, will be appointed to some other Federal office outside of Indiana.

Mr. Watson's name was proposed for the office of United States Attorney as early as last December. Mr. Keating, the incumbent, was ready to tender his resignation provided Mr. Watson would be appointed to succeed him. The matter was discussed with President Roosevelt and with President-elect Taft, but when Senator Beveridge was consulted he demurred and told the friends of Mr. Watson that when the vacancy occurred he would have a candidate of his own.

The United States Attorneyship case shows the change in attitude in Indiana politics. The former political organization in that State, known as the Fairbanks-Hemenway-Watson organization, is now out of control and a new force has come up, led by Senator Beveridge, which will have to be reckoned with in future Republican calculations with respect to that State. The new situation is not entirely agreeable to many of the former leaders of the party and a number of quiet conferences have been held and some plans laid looking to future control.

Ex-Senator Hemenway, who has been recognized as the leader of the Fairbanks wing of the party, intends to return to Indiana and take an active interest in politics. He has formed a law partnership with his former private secretary, Thomas F. Littlepage, and will resume practice at his home in Boonville. Mr. Hemenway has been reappointed by Senator Hale, chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, as chairman of the commission to continue the work of investigating the extent of the expenditures for secret service agents and special employees under the executive departments. Ex-Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota will be the other member of the commission.

The commission has been assigned a suite in the new Senate office building, where the work will be prosecuted under the personal direction of Mr. Hemenway, but this is not expected to prevent all of Mr. Hemenway's time and his friends say that he will find plenty of opportunity to look after politics in Indiana. Mr. Watson has intimated that he would not accept any appointment to Federal office that would make it necessary for him to leave Indiana. He expects to get into the political arena at the State and either he or Hemenway may be a candidate against Senator Beveridge for reelection. The Legislature will be chosen in 1910 will elect Mr. Beveridge's successor. The State is very much torn up politically at present and even Senator Beveridge's friends are anxious over the outlook for his reelection. The twenty-five Senators elected last fall will hold over and vote for a Senator. A majority of them are Democrats.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

Mr. Dickinson Says He Will Be in Washington on Friday to Take the Oath.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Jacob Dickinson of Chicago to-day sent a telegram to Secretary of War Wright saying that he will arrive in Washington on Friday to assume his duties as Secretary of War. He will be the last Cabinet officer to take the oath of office.

It is probable that Mr. Dickinson will make a visit to the Panama Canal shortly after he assumes his new duties in order to familiarize himself with the work in progress on the canal. President Taft wishes his new Secretary to make the trip to Panama as soon as possible in order that work on the canal may not be delayed.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The battleships *Maine*, *New Hampshire* and *Mississippi* and the tug *Sterling* have arrived at Guantanamo, the battleship *Louisiana* at Norfolk, the gunboat *Marietta* at Hampton Roads, the tug *Tecumseh* at Washington, the battleship *Connecticut* at Tompkinsville, the battleship *Wisconsin* at Portsmouth, N. H., the repair ship *Yanther* at Philadelphia, the cruisers *Olympic* and *Chicago* at Annapolis, the cruiser *Albatross* and the destroyer *Paul Jones* at San Diego, the battleship *Vermont* at Boston and the gunboat *Yankee* at New York yard.

The cruisers *Charleston*, *Cleveland* and *Denver* and the gunboats *Galveston* and *Chickadee* have sailed from Manila for Hongkong, the tank ship *Arcturion* from San Francisco for Magdalena Bay and the tug *Choctaw* from Norfolk for Washington.

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MORE TROUBLE FOR MARINES.

Secretary Meyer to Test Validity of Law Restoring Them to Warships.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—On the day before he was succeeded by Mr. Taft President Roosevelt made certain changes in the navy regulations which marine officers declare destroy the usefulness of the corps on board warships. The marines are indignant over the matter and doubtless there will be another fight in Congress about the treatment of the marines.

More trouble for the Marine Corps appeared to-day when Secretary of the Navy Meyer sent to the Attorney-General a

communication asking for an opinion as to the constitutionality of the action of Congress in restoring the marines to the ships. Mr. Meyer said that he entertained doubt that the law of Congress was constitutional. The marines declare that there is no question whatever about the power of Congress to make regulations and laws for the disposal of the armed forces and they have gathered together a long list of precedents to show that the action of Congress was legal. The Judge Advocate General of the Navy is reported to have said last week that there was nothing unconstitutional in the law.

In his letter to the Attorney-General Secretary Meyer repeated the charge enacted by Congress restoring marines

to ships, and then said: "Entertaining doubt, in view of the terms and effect of this provision, respecting its constitutionality, I have the honor to submit the question to you and request, for the guidance of this Department, your opinion thereon."

Marines point to Article I, section 8 of the Constitution, which provides that Congress shall have the power "to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces" and declare that this provision settled the matter beyond all question.

There are now about 1,350 marines on board vessels of the navy. Under President Roosevelt's order 650 were removed.

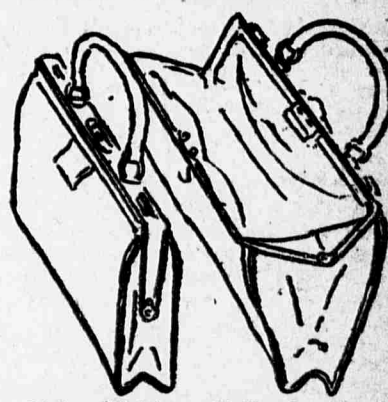


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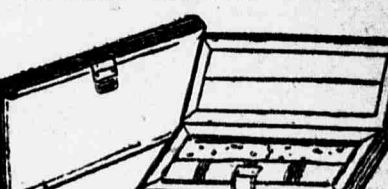


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